GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
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PRODUCTION OF ARECANUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the quantum of production, productivity, area under cultivation of Arecanut in the country, State-wise;

(b) the price fixed which the farmers sold Arecanut for the past three years, Year- wise;

(c) whether there is a fall in arecanut price; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to help the farmers in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) The state-wise details of production, productivity and area under Arecanut in the country is given in the annexure- I.

(b) The monthly average wholesale prices of Arecanut (Supari) in some select markets during 1998-99 to 2000-2001 is given in annexure − II.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) To stabilise the prices, the Government has increased the import duty on betelenuts to 100% from 35%.

Annexure-I

AREA, PRODUCTION AND YIELD OF AREACANUT DURING 1996-97 TO 1999-2000

STATE	AREA (000 HECTARE)			PRODUCTION (000 TONNES)			YIELD (KGS./HECTARE)		
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
ANDHRA PRADESH	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.3	@	@	@
ASSAM	74.1	73.8	74.5	64.0	56.7	55.4	864	768	744
GOA	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.8	@	@	@
KARNATAKA	84.6	93.1	91.5	121.0	133.3	131.5	1430	1432	1437
KERALA	72.8	76.1	80.6	80.1	94.0	92.5	1100	1235	1148
MAHARASHTRA	1.9	1.9	1.9	4.7	7.5	7.5	@	@	@
MEGHALAYA	9.5	9.5	9.6	12.0	12.1	11.6	1263	1274	1208
MIZORAM	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	@	@	@
TAMIL NADU	3.0	2.8	2.8	4.0	5.7	5.7	@	@	@
TRIPURA	1.8	2.3	2.5	3.5	4.2	4.5	@	@	@
WEST BENGAL	7.5	8.1	8.2	10.7	12.4	13.7	1427	1531	1671
A & N ISLANDS	3.6	3.6	3.6	5.1	5.2	5.5	@	@	@
PONDICHERRY	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	Neg.	Neg.	@	@	@
ALL INDIA	261.2	273.7	277.7	307.7	333.5	330.1	1178	1218	1189

Neg. Negligible

@ Since production/area is low, yield is not worked out.

Annexure-II

MONTHLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES OF ARECANUT

(Rupees/quintal)

Months	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001	
	Mangalore	Kozhikode	Mangalore	Kozhikode	Mangalore	Kozhikode
April	7274	6150	14732	12175	10665	9075
May	7567	6150	14203	12125	10126	8350
June	7693	6475	13819	11850	9308	7250
July	8512	7160	14094	12380	10240	8200
Aug.	10108	7475	15277	13275	9144	7075
Sept.	9468	7733	15607	12950	8308	6060
Oct.	9257	8333	15495	13760	7073	4900
Nov.	7740	9225	11435	13750		
Dec.	7617	8425	9826	10100		
Jan.	8628	8940	11475	9177		
Feb.	10544	9125	11399	9125		
March	14217	12200	10575	8840		